

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A cell line that comprises a recombinant vector and expresses truncated Flk-1, wherein said vector comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes a truncated Flk-1, wherein the encoded polypeptide renders endogenous wild-type Flk-1 unresponsive to VEGF which inhibits the cellular effects of VEGF binding and, wherein said truncated Flk-1 consists of an amino sequence corresponding to 1-806 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

6. (Previously Presented) A cell line according to claim 5, wherein said vector is a retrovirus vector, and wherein said cell line (i) produces infectious retrovirus particles encoding truncated Flk-1 and (ii) expresses truncated Flk-1 encoded by said retrovirus vector.

7-9. (Canceled)